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Title: Need to improve the wages and service conditions of Accredited Social Health Activists employed under National Rural Health Mission.

SHRI P.T. THOMAS (IDUKKI): I invite the attention of the Government towards the grievances of ASHA workers employed under NRHM. They are getting only a nominal incentive and even it is not timely disbursed. The honorarium should be raised to Rs. 3,000. Special incentive should be given to those workers engaged in palliative care and non communicable disease camps. Also, the incentive under Janani Suraksha Yojana should be increased. ESI coverage should be extended to Asha workers. The Central Government should notify guidelines for wages and service conditions for all workers employed under NRHM. An effective grievances redressal system must be instituted at the earliest to address the complaints of ASHA workers and improve functioning of the NRHM programme.